

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
U.S. Application No. 09/988,373

Atty. Docket No. Q66793

**REMARKS**

Claims 2 and 7 were previously cancelled. Claims 1, 3 – 6 and 8 - 38 are presently pending. Applicant thanks the Examiner for noting the allowable subject matter of claims 1, 3 – 6 and 8 - 17.

**I. Rejection of Claims 18 – 38 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph**

Claims 18 – 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully overcome as explained below.

Independent claims 18, 28, 29, 31 and 36 have been amended to set forth that error detection occurs at least during an *ineffective* reading period. Applicant submits that the amendment to claims 18, 28, 29, 31 and 36 obviates the instant rejection, and the Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to pass the instant application to issue.

**II. Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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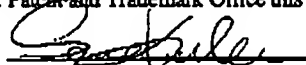
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